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The Crow and the Pomegranate

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AN EASY CATCH!
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SPARKLES

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THIS GARNET ONLY SERVES THE BODY OF ITS MASTER
SCUM LIKE YOU SHOULD DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT
...I SAID...
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
GET • AWAY • FROM • ME !
SHOVE
SHOVE
SHOVE
SHOVE
I DON'T BELONG TO YOU, YOU SCUM!
UUU...
E-EVEN IF YOU MAKE THAT FACE, NO MEANS NO, OK?
C-
-AW
WHAT'S THAT?
"SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO FOUND IT AND PICKED IT UP, SHOULDN'T IT BELONG TO ME?"
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS I HAVE ONLY ONE MASTER
MY MASTER...

MASTER!
I'm sorry
MASTER!!
..I SEE! IF YOU'RE A CROW..
ALL RIGHT KUROHORO!* I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS A TEMPORARY MASTER!
IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT
PLEASE, WAIT FOR ME MASTER!
*Black Hood
KU
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GARNET IS ON ITS WAY BACK TO YOU. !
TAKE ME CLOSER TO THAT NEIGHBOURHOOD....
!!

KUROHORO!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE
THIS IS MASTER'S HOUSE!
THERE IT IS!
Rub
Rub
Waah!
You startled me!
A crow?!
Rub
Rub

I'VE RETURNED! IT'S ME, GARNET!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... DON'T TELL ME YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO DELIVER IT?!
EH?
DRO
THIS IS...!
MASTER!
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT IS IT? DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT?
...HM...
THANK YOU
...BUT,
I'VE ALREADY SAID FAREWELL TO THE PRECIOUS PERSON FROM WHOM I RECEIVED THIS RING.

THAT'S WHY, THIS RING...
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU, MR. CROW.
FLAP
I'M REALLY AN IDIOT, AREN'T I?
SINCE THE TIME SHE STOOD ON THAT BRIDGE AND THREW ME AWAY, YET
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
I ALREADY KNEW THAT SHE NO LONGER NEEDED ME ANYMORE.

gently
YOU...
---I SEE
SINCE IT'S YOU...
I GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT. I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU,
MASTER.
END

A Note about "The Crow and the Pomegranate"

If you were wondering why the title has "pomegrante" in it though the story has none here's a little insight.

In Japanese the word for "garnet" is just one character more than the word for "pomegrante"
石榴 = Pomegrante
石榴石 = Garnet

(The mangaka uses an alternative character for the first characters of pomegranate (柘榴石) and garnet (柘榴石) which varies only slightly though the meaning remains the same.)

The extra kanji is the word for "stone." So literally a garnet is a "pomegrante stone" in Japanese (probably because of its red colour). Basically it's a play-on-words on the mangaka's part.

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